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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN INTERIM REPLY TO PAKISTAN'S IDP CRISIS

REF: STATE 22045

[1](#)1. (SBU) On March 10, Poloff delivered reftel talking points, requesting the Government of Australia to respond generously to the UN and ICRC IDP funding appeals, to Lisa Rice-Madan and Rebecca Curtis, Director and Executive Officer respectively for Pakistan, Bangladesh and the Central Asian Republics, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and to Alistair Sherwin, their equivalent at AusAID.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Sherwin said that the GOA was in complete agreement with the American position on the necessity of funding the Humanitarian Response Plan for Pakistan and the ICRC's Budget Extension. He indicated that AusAID would likely commit the maximum funds allowable under current budget restraints, but was not able to provide an estimate of the contribution.

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